



ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION
ITANAGAR.

**BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF SHRI SANGYAL TSERING BAPPU,
STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER.**

APIC- 765/2025

Dated Itanagar, 13 April, 2026

Shri Shri Bengia Papo, Chimpu, Itanagar.

Vs.

The PIO, o/o the DFO, Koloriang, Kurung Kumey Distt.(A.P):

SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

(Form-4 CPC r/w section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005)

To

**The PIO, o/o the DFO, Koloriang Division,
Kurug Kumey Distt.
Koloriang (A.P).**

1. WHEREAS Shri Bengia Papo, resident of Chimpu, Itanagar, vide his application dt. 25.06.2025, had requested the PIO, o/o the (DFO), Koloriang, Kurung Kumey District (A.P) for the following information under section 6(1) (Form-A) of RTI Act, 2005:

A. Particular of information: To furnish all the relevant information against Koloriang under CAMPA fund from 2019-25.

B. Details of information required:

- 1) Furnish the work order/ technical sanction (TS) order copy with payments details like Xerox copy of Cheque leaf/demand draft/banker cheque/pay in slip for NEFT/RTGS slip against above mentioned work.
- 2) Furnish the fund under CAMPA fund for the Circle Sarli & Polosang.
- 3) Furnish the Xerox copy of Enterprise trading license/letter pad of Enterprise/GST payment update copy /pan card/bill challan copy/Bank account number of Enterprise and full name & address and contact number /Aadhar card/PRC/ST of proprietor/Contractor.
- 4) Furnish the Deed of Agreement with the Department.
- 5) Furnish the details of the Firm and trading license along with the contact number of the owner.
- 6) Furnish the MB records/cashbook statement from the year 2019-2025.
- 7) Furnish the various name of deduction amount from contractor bill payment as percentage as per the Govt guidelines.
- 8) Furnish the certified coloring photocopy of all the work sites by concern RFO.
- 9) Furnish the coloring photocopy/video graph of work site which might be before starting of work/ ending of work with the mention exact location of work site.
- 10) Furnish the name of officers & officials with their signature/seal/stamp who have executed the work.
- 11) Furnish the full name & address/present address & mobile number and Xerox copy of Aadhar card/Pan card/ST/PRC.

- 12) Furnish the summary of LOC issued/granted from the office of the DFO.
- 13) Furnish the cross-section diagram.
- 14) Furnish the copy of award of work or agreement copy.
- 15) Furnish the total allocated fund under CAMPA for the Sarli and Polosang Circle.

2. AND WHEREAS the appellant failed to obtain the information from the PIO which prompted him to appeal before the Chief Conservator of Forest (CCF) Western Circle, Banderdewa, Govt. of A.P, the First Appellate Authority (FAA) under Section 19 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005 vide his Memo of Appeal dt. 08.09.2025 who had conducted the hearing and passed the following order:

“ORDER

An Appeal under RTI Act, 2005 registered vide Appeal No. 333 lodged by Adv. Bengia Papo, Chimpu-III, Itanagar under Section-19 (1) RTI Act, 2005 before the 1st Appellate Authority for not providing the information by the PIO cum the DFO, Kurung Kumey Forest Division, Koloriang was fixed on the following date 08.10.2025 and 18.11.2025 in the O/o CCF, Western Circle, Banderdewa.

The PIO cum the Divisional Forest Officer, Kurung Kumey Forest Division, Koloriang representative did not attended and the appellant did attended for hearing.

In the absence of the PIO on the date of hearing, the 1st Appellate Authority has examined the case Ex-parte and disposed off the case as under: -

- d) The information sought by the applicant is not covered under Section-8 (1) (d) of RTI, Act, 2005 and are admissible to be disclosed before the public domain.*
- e) The PIO cum the DFO, Kurung Kumey Forest Division is directed to furnish the required documents available with him as decided above to the applicant within 15 days from the date of issue of this order.*
- f) The appellant is at liberty to prefer any appeal before the next Higher Appellate Authority, if the PIO does not furnish the information within the stipulated time or if the applicant is not satisfied with the information furnished by the PIO.*

*Sd/-(T. Riba) IFS
Chief Conservator of Forests
Western Circle::Banderdewa
(1st Appellate Authority)”*

3. AND WHEREAS the PIO, despite FAA’s direction, failed to furnish the information to the appellant and therefore, the appellant preferred his 2nd appeal before this Commission under section 19 (3) of the RTI Act. 2005 vide his Memo of appeal dt. 13.10.2025.

4. AND WHEREAS this appeal was, accordingly, listed for 2 (two) times on 11.02.2026 and 11.03.2026 but the PIO did not appear on both the occasions nor deputed any representative.

5. AND WHEREAS on 11.02.2026 wherein the appellant, Shri Bengia Papo was present in person, this Commission, after hearing the appellant and upon perusing the points on which the appellant had requested information/documents, had endorsed the observation of the FAA, the Chief Conservator of Forest (CCF) Western Circle, Banderdewa, that the requested information/documents are not covered by exemption clauses under section 8(1) of the RTI Act, 2005.

The PIO was, hence, directed to furnish the requested information/documents to the appellant and report compliance thereof on **11.03.2026**, the next date of hearing, making it clear, however, *that if the o/o the PIO does not hold any of the requested information/documents, he shall furnish an affidavit to that effect as mandated under section section-18(3)(c) of the RTI Act, 2005 and under rule- 5(vi) of the AP Information Commission (Appeal Procedure) Rules, 2005.*

6. AND WHEREAS on 11.03.2026, the PIO was again absent without any intimation which had been viewed seriously by this Commission. This Commission, however, deemed it appropriate to afford one more opportunity to the PIO to appear for hearing before invoking penal provisions of RTI Act as demanded by the representative of the appellant, Shri Bengia Tahar, Advocate attending the hearing. The hearing was, thus, adjourned again to today 10.04.2026 making it clear again that if the PIO remains absent again, this Commission shall be constrained to invoke the penal provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. The PIO was also directed to furnish the requested information and/ or the affidavit as already directed in this Commission's earlier order dt.11.02.2026 and report compliance thereof to this Commission on 10.04.2026.

7. AND WHEREAS the appellant, vide his letter dt. 06.04.2026 Complained that the PIO, despite this Commission's orders dt.11.02.26& 11.03.26 and demanded warrant of arrest against the PIO and penalty under section 20 of the RTI Act.

8. AND WHEREAS today on 10.04.2026, the PIO, despite categorical order, did not appear in the hearing again nor furnished the requested information and/or the affidavit which amounted to blatant disregard to this Commission's direction and the RTI regime constraining this Commission to conclude that the case is a fit case where the PIO should be proceeded against under section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005.

9. NOW THEREFORE, Shri Doge Basar the DFO-cum-PIO, o/o, Koloriang Forest Division, Kurung Kumey Distt. Koloriang is directed to appear in person on **29.04.26 (Wednesday) at 11.30 am** with his replies to this notice and explain as to why penalty of Rs.25,000.00 (Rupees twenty five thousand) as prescribed under section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 should not be imposed on him for willful non-compliance of the direction of this Commission and for blatant disrespect to the RTI regime.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission this 13.04.2026.

Sd/-
(S. TSERING BAPPU)
State Information Commissioner,
APIC, Itanagar.